



THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
CHIEF OF STAFF, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
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Dear Airmen:

We recently met with the senior Air Force civilian and military leaders to discuss the way ahead for our Service. During the discussion, we decided upon a new mission statement, which reads: "The mission of the United States Air Force is to *fly, fight* and *win*...in air, space and cyberspace."

The mission statement reflects our rich heritage and continuing commitment to provide decisive air and space power on behalf of national leaders and the joint team. The mission statement also conveys our responsibility, along with other Services and Agencies, to develop capabilities for the warfighting domain of cyberspace.

We will convene the Air Force top leadership team several times over the coming months. Our intent is to quickly come to closure on near-term issues, as well as delve into opportunities and challenges that require a deeper and more introspective look.

As we move forward, it is important for Airmen to understand our broad priorities for the Air Force:

- Reinvigorate the Air Force nuclear enterprise
- Partner with the Joint and Coalition team to win today's fight
- Develop and care for Airmen and their families
- Modernize our aging air and space inventories
- Acquisition excellence

We are proud of the work that you do every day to strengthen America's defense posture and contribute to the joint team. We know that your commitment to our core values of integrity, service, and excellence is steadfast. Keep up the good work -- *fly, fight, win!*

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Michael B. Donley
Acting Secretary of the Air Force

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Norton A. Schwartz
General, USAF
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